

Keep Climbing, by Todd Phillips

Length: 4 weeks (1 hour or less)

Includes: DVD, leader guide and student workbook; book can be purchased if class wants to read as part of study; also featuring "I Am Second" interviews with Brian Welch (founder of KoRn), Jason Witten (NFL Pro-Bowl Tight-End), and Michelle Aguilar (Winner of the Biggest Loser); and three video-driven sermon illustrations:

1. **Climbing Life's Mountains:** From Mount Ararat, where God saved Noah and restarted civilization, to Mount Sinai, where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, God has always used mountains to show himself to his people. This inspirational video illustration reminds us that we were meant to climb the mountains of life so that our faith can be made stronger, even through suffering.
2. **Famous Failures:** Sometimes we look at people who have achieved great success and think that everything must come easy for them. This powerful video illustration takes us inside some of the greatest failures of all time so we can find the true meaning of perseverance and success. If you've never failed, you've never lived.
3. **You Can Change the World:** This inspiring video illustration gives us a behind the scenes look at some of the most influential leaders of all time whose courage, tenacity, vision, and curiosity inspired a movement of lasting change. Will we choose to use our abilities and gifts to impact the world for the better?

Life is hard. We pray and ask God to help, but many times it seems like he's not there. We know God can perform miracles, yet our problems often remain. Is God listening? Does God care? In these four sessions, Todd Phillips leads a team to Russia to climb Mount Elbrus, the tallest mountain in Europe. Todd uses their perilous trek as a backdrop to explore how God works with us through the challenges in our lives. Video-driven sessions (with DVD length):

1. Leaving Comfort Behind (9 minutes)
2. Flatten the Mountain (14 minutes)
3. Climbing in Silence (10 minutes)
4. A Better View (19 minutes)